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TELEGRAMS.

THE NAVY.

IMPORTANT MEMORANDUM.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Jan. 8, 7.55 a.m.

Mr. Winston Churchill has issued a lengthy memorandum in which he announces the immediate formation of a naval war staff and explaining generally the changes involved.

NAVAL WAR STAFF.

The War Staff at the Admiralty will be organised from the existing elements in the three divisions—the Intelligence division, the Operations division, and the Mobilisation division—dealing respectively with war information, war plans and war arrangements.

CHIEF OF STAFF.

The three divisions will be combined together under a Chief of Staff who will be a flag officer. He will be primarily responsible to the First Sea Lord and will work under him as his principal assistant and agent; but he will not be the sole channel of communication with the First Sea Lord who will, whenever convenient, consult the directors of the various divisions. Constant intercourse between the divisions is pointed out as indispensable.

A CONSIDERABLE BODY.

The personnel of the War Staff will be considerable and will consist of naval officers representing most grades. Every member will be a specialist fresh from sea and returning to sea with fair frequency.

FREE PLAY OF OPINION.

Nothing in the constitution of the Staff will be designed to arrest the free play of professional opinion among the members from top to bottom, the central objects being to form a convenient flexible machine for the elaboration of plans and to found a school of sound, progressive thought in naval science in order to set free the Third Sea Lord, to the direct construction of the Fleet and to relieve him of the pressure of business transactions.

AN ONEROUS POST.

An additional Civil Lord will be appointed a member of the Board of Admiralty. During his fixed tenure of office he will be non-parliamentary and non-political. He will have control of the various Admiralty departments concerned with the contracts, purchasing, conduct of business, and commercial transactions of the Board. In all relations with great contracting firms he will be the Admiralty buyer and business manager.

MEETING THE EXPENSE.

The additional expenditure involved in the scheme will be met by the abolition of four Admiralty yachts. Admiral Troubridge has been appointed Chief of the War Staff and Sir Francis Hopgood the additional Sea Lord.—*Reuter.*

TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN POLITICS.

A MANIFESTO.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Durban, Jan. 7, 7.30 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin states that the "Norddeutsche," in an election manifesto says that the Socialists have held aloof from all measures assuring the defence of the Fatherland, for which the new Reichstag will soon have to make claims, and that no man solicitous for the future of the Fatherland can vote for the Socialists at such a serious time.—*Reuter.*

STOLEN SECRETS.

NAVAL SENSATION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Bombay, Jan. 7, 8.20 a.m.

The Berlin correspondent of Reuter wires that the safe of the first officer on the cruiser Stettin has been broken into and secret documents stolen. A reward is offered for their recovery.—*Reuter.*

FUTURE OF TIBET.

ENGLISH INTERESTS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Bombay, Jan. 7, 8.20 a.m.

Sir Robert Fulton, writing in the "Times" on the future of Tibet, urges that it would be greatly to the advantage of England for the Dalai Lama to resume rule. He is indebted to the English for an asylum and the means of subsistence, and sees that Great Britain does not want to annex the country. His feelings towards the Chinese must be exactly opposite, and it ought surely to be easy in the present upheaval in China to arrange that Tibet should be an independent State under the joint protection of Great Britain and China, but interfered with internally by neither.—*Reuter.*

TELEGRAMS.

KUALA WRECK.

FOREIGN OFFICE MOVES.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Bombay, Jan. 6, 12.20 p.m.

The Foreign Office, in reply to the representatives of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild on behalf of the Kuala, which whilst voyaging from Dundee to Singapore in November got on the rocks off Socotra, says that the application should have been made in the first instance to the Indian Government, as Socotra is not British territory, but representations for an enquiry will be sent forward.—*Reuter.*

MINERS TO STRIKE.

M.P.'S GRAVE WARNING.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Bombay, Jan. 6, 3.20 p.m.

The papers state that the miners of Great Britain next week will be practically unanimous in favour of a strike on March 1st to establish the principle of a minimum wage. The trouble regarding charter certificates 'threatens' to involve the whole of the shipping on the North-east coast. Two thousand men are already idle. Mr. W. Abraham, M.P., for Rhondda Valley in a letter to the miners, warns them of the dire calamity of a strike involving a million men. All the losses of the past, he says, could be a mere fleabite compared with what would be the biggest struggle the country had ever experienced. It would also be a great opportunity for Americans to export coal to Great Britain.—*Reuter.*

BOXING.

JOHNSON AND FLYNN.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Durban, Jan. 7, 9.5 a.m.

A wire from Reuter's correspondent at Chicago says that a fight to a finish has been arranged between Johnson and Jim Flynn, the Public Fireman, somewhere in Nevada, in July. Johnson has been guaranteed \$31,000 and a third of the receipts of the event.—*Reuter.*

TELEGRAMS.

THE REVOLUTION.

IMPERIALISTS EXECUTED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Durban, Jan. 6, 9.25 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent in Peking wires that communist telegrams from Chungking say the revolutionaries executed Chao Erh-feng, Viceroy of Szechuen, and the Imperialist General Tien, on December 20th.—*Reuter.*

POWERS DEMONSTRATE.

Via Durban, Jan. 6, 12.5 p.m.

A message from Peking states that the Powers have occupied the line from Peking seawards, in accordance with the plan recently desired. Foreigners are gratified at this demonstration.—*Reuter.*

REPUBLICAN MANIFESTO.

Via Bombay, Jan. 6, 2.10 p.m.

The Shanghai correspondent of Reuter cables that the Republicans have issued a long manifesto to all friendly nations, which recites all the grievances against the Manchus and declares the determination of the Republic to respect all Treaties and loan obligations entered into by the Manchus with foreigners prior to the revolution but they repudiate all others. The manifesto further states that it is the aim of the Government to reform the laws, administration and finances to promote the prosperity of the whole country, abolish restrictions on trade, ensure religious toleration, and promote better relations with Foreign Powers, for whose support the Republic appeals.—*Reuter.*

PEKING IN PANIC.

Shanghai, Jan. 7.

Fighting has taken place at Luenchow between the Revolutionaries and the Imperial troops, resulting in a victory for the former. The news of this defeat has reached Peking and the inhabitants there are panic-stricken.—*Reuter.*

TELEGRAMS.

THE REVOLUTION.

CANTONESE REPRESENTATION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Dr. Sun Yat-sen has acceded to the request of the Cantonese residents in Shanghai and has appointed Dr. Wu Ting-fang and Wan Chin-yin as Minister and Vice-minister respectively of Foreign Affairs. Wong Chun-wai who recently was appointed to the former post has been transferred to the Ministry of Justice.

INVITATION DECLINED.
H.E. Yuan Shih-kai has telegraphed to Dr. Wu Ting-fang asking him to proceed to Peking to resume peace negotiations, and promising to afford him every protection during his stay in the capital. Dr. Wu in refusing, gives as his reason the fact that Yuan has himself to be strongly guarded both at home and abroad, and is therefore unable to guarantee adequate protection to others.

FICTITIOUS HONOURS.

Man Sz-king, who was accused of falsely representing himself to be the Chief Secretary to the President, has been captured and shot.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen has completed the appointment of his staff.—*"Sheung Po."*

BRITISH TRADE.

EXPORTS INCREASE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Bombay, Jan. 7, 8.20 a.m.

There is a decrease in the imports for December of \$4,107,447, and an increase in the exports of \$1,147,769. The latter principally represents iron, steel and manufactures. During the whole twelve months the imports increased by £2,302,151, and the exports by £14,197,522. The increase in December's exports is also due to ships, railway materials, motorcars and cycles, but the exports of cotton goods decreased by £506,000, those of wool by £373,000 and those of electrical goods by £388,000.—*Reuter.*

TELEGRAMS.

STOLEN JEWELS.

SIAMESE SENSATION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Bombay, Jan. 6, 12.20 p.m.

Paul de Busock, a journalist, formerly an official in Siam, has been arrested as a result of a cable from Singapore. He was brought up at Bow Street and charged, for committing to the Indian Police, with receiving stolen jewellery and jewels valued at £10,000, which belonged to the Dowager Queen of Siam. They were ordered in London and despatched to Bangkok, where they disappeared. The prisoner was remanded. According to the police evidence Busock, when arrested, said he gave two pearls to a bookmaker named Cohen, at Singapore, in payment of a debt, not knowing they were stolen. He gave them quite openly, taking a receipt. He therefore declined to say whence he obtained them, before consulting a solicitor.—*Reuter.*

PASTOR'S CRIME.

TROUBLED CONSCIENCE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Durban, Jan. 7, 9.5 a.m.

Reuter's Boston correspondent states that the Baptist pastor named Richeson, mentioned in the papers of the 21st November, has confessed to a murder. He says his conscience will not admit the further wronging by public trial of her whose pure, young life has been destroyed. He wishes to live in order that his sinful past and help some other, despairing soul thus to find favour with God. Richeson attempted to cut his throat in prison on the 20th December with the handle of a drinking cup.—*Reuter.*

MODEST CHANCELLOR.

NO TESTIMONIAL.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Durban, Jan. 6, 8.25 a.m.

The proposed Welsh national testimonial to Mr. Lloyd George has been abandoned in deference to the Chancellor's own wish.—*Reuter.*

TELEGRAMS.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

SPLENDID CENTURY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Durban, Jan. 6, 6.5 p.m.

The sky was overcast and the weather cool when the match was resumed before a good attendance, the wicket being in excellent condition. Geelong made 277. Liddell contributed a splendid 129, never giving a chance, and displaying good defence. The M.C.C. went to the wickets and scored 118 for four wickets, the match being drawn.—*Reuter.*

HOME POLITICS.

A BYE-ELECTION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Bombay, Jan. 7, 8.20 a.m.

Mr. Llewellyn Williams has been appointed Recorder of Swansea, which necessitates a bye-election in Carmarthen.—*Reuter.*

CANADIAN MINISTER.

VISIT TO LONDON.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Durban, Jan. 7, 9.5 a.m.

The Canadian Minister of Marine is coming to London to confer with the Admiralty.—*Reuter.*

OPIUM CONFERENCE.

REASSEMBLES TO-DAY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Bombay, Jan. 6, 2.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at the Hague reports that the Committee of the Conference are drafting an International Opium Convention embodying the decisions of the Conference. The Conference re-assembles on Monday.—*Reuter.*

LORD STAFFORD.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Durban, Jan. 7, 9.5 a.m.

The engagement is announced of Lord Stafford and Miss Elsie Lancaster-Hagen, daughter of Lord Butler.—*Reuter.*

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WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

The British Merchant Marine.

The British nation are justifiably proud of the great merchant service which conducts its shipping business, but few among the laity are aware of the great hardships which officers and men have to encounter in the course of their daily duties. Of late years the lot of the mercantile marine officer in many lines has been greatly improved, but there are still several legitimate grievances which remain unredressed, though we are glad to know that strenuous efforts towards their amelioration are afoot. One of the principal organs of the mercantile marine officer is the well-known Imperial Merchant Service Guild, an organisation which has done most excellent work and will continue to do so if it perseveres along the sound and practical lines hitherto pursued. Amid much opposition and discouragement it has won its way to recognition, though even now it finds there are plenty of snags awaiting it.

Daily Press.

Russia in Tibet.

Sir Robert Falcon, a retired Indian Judge, who, for a brief period a few years ago had a seat on the Viceroy's Council, has suggested in the "Times" that it would be easy, in view of the present upheaval in China, to arrange that Tibet should be an independent State under the joint protection of Great Britain and China, to be interfered with internally by neither. Presumably this suggestion is prompted by the fact that Tibet, at the present time, is in a state of turmoil. Advantage has been taken of the revolution in China to raise the standard of independence in the same way as the Mongols have done. Reports from Mongolia tell us that the declaration of the independence of the territory was made by the untitled chiefs under the spiritual representative of the Dalai Lama. Now, inasmuch as Russian influence is bound to become paramount in Mongolia, an inquiry is suggested as to how far that influence is likely to extend. We used to hear a great deal about Russian influence being a disturbing factor in Tibet, but if affairs in Mongolia develop along the lines suggested, there can be no doubt that we shall be hearing a great deal more about the political influence of Russia in Tibet, working through the spiritual representative of the Dalai Lama, who has become head of the State of Mongolia.

South China Morning Post.

The Irish Question.

In real earnest now has the Home Rule campaign opened. After many years of skirmishing, the opposing factions are at last coming to grips in what will be a memorable struggle. Mr. Redmond, who by his unflinching courage and optimism during a long and weary period of waiting has disproved the familiar axiom that "hope deferred maketh the heart sick," now enters what he believes will be the final approach to victory full of buoyancy and enthusiasm. By his side marches Mr. Winston Churchill, just the man to develop the popularity of such a cause, and almost everywhere is heard the cry of impending triumph. But the battle will not be won unchallenged.

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OUTWARD AND VISIBLE SIGNS.

The streets of Hongkong yesterday were once again decked with flags, the occasion being the official day of rejoicing upon the establishment of a Republic in China. This manifestation of joy on the part of the Chinese of Hongkong is perfectly natural and quite harmless. It cannot be too often repeated that any orderly demonstration of political opinion is blameless in the eyes of British authority, and in view of the recognition given by the Throne to the Revolutionary Government by appointing Tang Shao-yi as Peace Commissioner to meet Wu Ting-fang, no exception can now be taken to the display of flags which symbolize no government of which the British authorities have official cognizance.

One point about the flag display yesterday must have been noticed by most observers. That was the extraordinary diversity of design and colour. One of the most popular flags was a central star on a ground of every shade of blue or purple or of green. The star was sometimes plain and sometimes ornamented, and in some cases it was in the corner instead of the centre. Another design which found great favour was a red flag with a blue jack in which was a star. It may be remarked that the number of points for the star seems to have been a matter of individual preference as there was almost as much diversity in this as in colour and design. Some examples of what is said to be the "official" flag were to be seen. This was a striped affair, the stripes being blue or black, white, green, yellow and red. To be quite candid it is about the ugliest flag that could well be conceived.

There may or may not be a moral to be drawn from this striking diversity of form and colour. A flag is of course only a symbol, but the history of most countries contains records of gallant lives being lost in saving or attempting to save that symbol. Every man with a spark of patriotism in his breast feels a thrill of pride when he sees the flag that symbolizes the country to which he owes allegiance. The thought occurs that this absence of anything like mutuality in the selection of a symbol may mean that there is no clear purpose in the minds of the Chinese people who acclaim the republic. Perhaps it is drawing a large inference from a trifling fact, but trifling facts often assist in arriving at a correct diagnosis. The foreign observer of current events finds it difficult to realize the precise goal it is sought to attain and to what extent the revolutionaries are animated by a common purpose. The desire to overturn the Manchu regime seems to have been fairly general, but apart from this there does not seem to be any definite common policy. It must not be forgotten that to divide broadly the people of China into Chinese and Manchus is merely to employ a convenient inaccuracy. The Chinese of the South differs from the Chinese of the North as much as a German from a Norwegian. The Chinese are made up of numerous races and they have hitherto been held together by the bond of Imperial rule. The bond relaxed, as a result of common effort, the various races may fall apart, and the diversity of republican flags flown in the streets of Hongkong yesterday may be the outward and visible sign of what will occur in China should the dynasty definitely abdicate.

DAY BY DAY.

Charity begins at home, and is generally so debilitated that it stays there.

To-day's Paper.

The telegrams on page 1 to-day include several of special interest, notably one in regard to the Navy. On page 3 will be found some news about the Revolution and the continuation of News of the World. Local news fills this page and is continued on pages 5 and 8, the space available on the latter page being devoted to sport.

The English Mail of the 9th December was delivered in London on Jan. 6.

H.M.S. Kent with the destroyers Ribble, Usk and Welland arrived in port to-day.

Mr. Hookaday, chief constructor in the Naval Yard, left for England on Saturday.

H.M.S. Astron and Waterwitch will be undocked tomorrow to make way for H.M.S. Monmouth, which will be immediately drydocked.

Yesterday, the native quarters of the City were lavishly decorated with flags for the purpose of celebrating the inauguration of the Republic and the election of Dr. Sun Yat-sen as President. The manifestation was also in connection with the new calendar. Some doubt seems to exist whether January 1 is to be taken as the beginning of the Chinese New Year or January 1. It may be anticipated that the original Chinese New Year celebration will also be honoured, in 1912 at any rate.

The City Hall.

The Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ended Jan. 7, numbered 3,348 and the non-Chinese 162. The Library was visited by 321 non-Chinese and 133 Chinese.

The Colony's Health.

During the week ended Jan. 6, 28 cases of small-pox were reported, 15 of them in the city of Victoria. All were Chinese. Death resulted in 22 cases. Two cases of diphtheria were reported, one Chinese and one Indian. One was fatal.

Dumping.

Two more cases of dumping have been reported by the police this morning. The body of a male child aged about three years, apparently having died from small-pox, was found on Sunday morning outside a house in Wyndham Street. The second case was reported from Kowloon; the body of a female child aged twelve months was found in Portland Street. In this case, too, small-pox was apparently the cause of death.

Consented to Judgment.

In the case in which Messrs. F. Blackhead & Co. sued the Globe Hotel to recover the sum of \$488.35, for goods sold and delivered, Mr. Leo Almada consented to judgment before the Puisne Judge in the Summary Court this morning for \$450, and \$25 costs, \$100 to be paid to-day and \$125 monthly instalments for three months, to commence from February 1. Mr. P. W. Goldring appeared for the plaintiff.

Theft from a Priest.

The Rev. Fr. Agnesse of New Nazareth left his bedroom for a few moments on Sunday morning about 2.30 and on returning found that two watches, a chain, an alarm clock and a pair of shoes were missing. His suspicions fell upon one of the workmen at Pokfulam Printing Office, and he reported the matter to the police.

The same morning previous to the customary hour for the opening of the pawnshops, Constable Patterson noticed a man particularly uneasy in his manner and bulky in his attire, pacing up and down near a local pawnshop and he arrested him on suspicion. On being searched it was found that the prisoner had in his possession the missing articles which Fr. Agnesse valued at \$21.50.

At the Magistracy this morning Lau Pong Leung was charged with the theft of the same and pleaded not guilty. The hearing was adjourned until the 10th.

GOVERNMENT AS LITIGANT.

Tramway Company Sued for Damages.

A case of more than ordinary interest came on before the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Piggott, at the Supreme Court this morning, when the Attorney-General, Hon. Mr. G. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. Holbrow, of Messrs. Deacon, Lockyer and Deacon, sued on behalf of the Hongkong Government, the Electric Tramway Company of Hongkong, Ltd., to recover the sum of \$40,000, damages for injury caused to the Government by the working of the Tramway, and costs of the suit. Mr. M. W. Slade, K.C., and Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, of Messrs. Denney and Bowley, appeared for the defendants.

The hearing was of a special case to decide the following question of law:—If telephonic communication by means of any cable or line used for the purpose of telephonic communication by the Government of Hongkong (but not the cables or wires themselves or their sheathings, coverings or supports) has been through induction or otherwise injuriously affected by the working of the defendants' undertaking, are the defendants liable under the provision of Ordinance 10 of 1902 (as amended by Ordinance 32 of 1902) to pay to the plaintiffs the expenses of all alterations to cables, lines, sheathings, coverings or supports necessary to remedy such injurious affection?

Mr. Slade stated that that was a special case set down for a hearing before the Court. It differed from an ordinary special case in that portions of it were objected to by one side or the other as not being evidence. He would suggest that a convenient method would be to read all the undisputed portions first and the disputed portion as to whether the evidence was admissible or not could be read and considered afterwards.

His Lordship—Wouldn't it be better to read the whole? Mr. Slade—The disputed portions appear in the middle. I think the method I have suggested would be convenient.

His Lordship concurred. Mr. Potter read the statement of claim, which at the commencement set out that the action was begun on April 18, 1910.

Mr. Slade said that His Lordship would realise from the reading of the case that the complaint of the plaintiff against the defendants was that the working of the tramway had so injuriously affected the telephonic lines that it was found necessary to carry out considerable repairs so as to render the lines workable. There had been no material damage to the structures. The wires, instruments, etc., had not been materially damaged. The substance had not melted away or been broken, but speech over the lines had been rendered difficult. The point was: Are the defendants liable? It had been agreed that the question of fact should be decided by arbitration, after his Lordship had decided the question of law. It had been stated that the Company had been changed, there had been a sale and that a mortgage had been given by the new Company.

His Lordship—Does that question arise?

Mr. Slade—I want to clear it away before I come to the main portion of the defence. Proceeding, Mr. Slade said that the Ordinance provided that if a cable or line used for the purpose of telephonic communication shall be injuriously affected by the working of the tramway, electricists, or other causes, the Company shall be liable for such injurious affection. The first portion of the section was quite plain. The Company was rendered liable for damage, by any cause whatsoever. But the words "or other causes" were not governed by the words preceding them. The question was different in the case of any English Company, because the Hongkong Ordinance was governed by the Hongkong Telegraph Ordinance.

His Lordship—You must explain to me the meaning of electricists.

Mr. Slade—Electricists means physical destruction of a sub-

stance, by electric action. The damage of which the plaintiff complains is covered by the section. The section before the last section absolutely covers all damages done to the line used for the purpose of telephonic communication, i.e., damage done to the government telephonic system by the working of the tramway. Now comes the question whether the right of redress is not cut down by certain words which had subsequently been added. Do those words cut down the remedy in respect of interruption to signals which are properly described as telephonic signals? Is the sentence to be taken in its proper literal sense? Otherwise, the words would be rendered meaningless.

His Lordship—It is badly drafted.

Mr. Slade—If it has been badly drafted, and the meaning is clear, it would have been subsequently amended, to make the meaning clear. In order that the Court should arrive at the meaning of the section as a whole, in order to enable the Court to properly construe the words, the Court must have regard to all the circumstances existing at the time. The words are ambiguous.

His Lordship—If the meaning in the first sentence is physical injury, and later on the meaning is extended, does it not follow from your argument that the meaning is really injury to speech?

Mr. Slade—The words cut down and limit the meaning. The remedy is taken entirely away. The literal meaning takes the remedy entirely away, no matter whether the damage is physical or otherwise.

His Lordship—If the word "telephonic" is omitted, the meaning expands.

Mr. Slade—Even so, the meaning does not cover certain electrical devices.

His Lordship—If the word had been omitted, the difficulty which has arisen in this case would have been removed.

Mr. Slade—No, my Lord, it has been put in to explain the meaning of the former section, not to cut it down.

Mr. Alabaster at this point raised certain objections and proceeded to cite authorities in support of his contentions.

After the tiffin adjournment, argument was continued and the case was adjourned.

PREFERRED DEATH TO REPROACH.

Boy Ends His Life.

A remarkable case of a boy's determination to put an end to his existence is reported by Sergeant Earner, from the Ping-shan Station.

It appears that on Saturday evening about 7.15, P.M. 609, who was on duty at the station, called the Sergeant's attention to a crowd of people who had assembled in the street, a little distance away. The Indian officer was sent to investigate the matter and he was informed that a boy had fallen into a well, which was about ten feet deep. The constable immediately divested himself of his uniform, and with the assistance of a piece of rope descended the well. He could not, however, find anything of the boy on the surface of the water. He then decided to take a dive and this resulted in his finding the body of the boy who was lying face downwards at the bottom. He brought the body to the surface, secured it with the rope with which he had descended, and the by-standers hauled the body to the top of the well. The constable climbed out of the well unassisted and commenced artificial respiration but was prevented from continuing by the crowd. Sergeant Earner eventually arrived on the scene and despite the protestations of the crowd endeavoured to save the life of the boy. After working hard for over an hour it was decided that the boy was beyond human aid.

Subsequent inquiries revealed the fact that the boy was one Tang San Hop and had deliberately committed suicide after being rebuked by his father and uncle for not rising early and attending to his work.

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ALLEGED UNORTHODOX ARREST.

An Interesting Point.

Two women named Ho Yee-mui and Leung Hai-wa were charged at the Magistracy this morning, with acting in a disorderly manner outside 401, Queen's Road West, about eleven o'clock on Saturday night, and also with damaging the uniform of Constable 262, whilst he was endeavouring to arrest them.

Mr. S. S. Moore defended. The woman Ho Yee-mui alleged that she was assaulted by the officer and said she was not in the street. There had been a quarrel some time ago with a woman named Shim, at 405, and on Saturday night she renewed the quarrel. Ho Yee-mui said she did not go into the street calling the woman foul names as was alleged by the constable.

Mr. Moore submitted that the woman Shim was the aggressor and had purely from spitefulness in consequence of a previous quarrel, gone out of her way to attack the defendants. He would submit that the woman Leung Hai-wa had not been arrested in the street as stated by the police, and that she was detained at the station whilst she had gone to speak for Ho Yee-mui. When she endeavoured to speak she was choked by the interpreter and detained. She had spent the night in custody and if arrested had not taken place at the proper time and place, it went to prove his point that she was not actually concerned in the affair, and had been wrongfully imprisoned. As for defendant number one, he was prepared to admit the damaging of the uniform, but at the same time would call the attention of the bench to the fact that it was not until the constable had struck defendant in the face that she attacked him. He thought the infliction of a small fine would meet the demands of justice in this instance, and that dismissal was certainly the due of defendant number two.

The bench fined the woman Mui three dollars for the damaging of the uniform and cautioned both defendants on the charge of disorderly conduct.

Mr. Moore: I take it that you agree that orthodox arrest had not been made in the case of number two.

The Magistrate: No, I will not say that. The evidence is that she was arrested and it is for you to produce evidence that she was not.

Mr. Moore: I am anxious for your decision because if there was not an arrest then, there was wrongful imprisonment. I am asked to get it from you there was not an arrest.

The Magistrate: That I am not prepared to say. I must accept the evidence. As for the wrongful imprisonment I think you will find it very difficult to prove.

Mr. Moore: Number two is dismissed?

The Magistrate: With a caution as to her future conduct.

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Last night, as the outcome of a free fight at 71, Des Vaux Road, Wong Chun-kau had to be conveyed to have Government Civil Hospital to have his injuries attended to. He complained to the Police of having been attacked by five men at the aforementioned address in the course of a quarrel which he alleged was connected with gambling. The affair caused quite a commotion in the neighbourhood.

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ADJOURNMENT WANTED.

Before the Puisne Judge in the Summary Court this morning, the case was mentioned in which the Macao Electric Co., with registered offices in Macao, Street, sued Ng Tsin, trading as Ng Tsun Koo, of Yunnan, contractor for the delivery and return of certain timber and cable which the defendant agreed to transport from Junk Bay to Macao, and which the defendants removed on or about May 15, without delivering same in Macao. In the alternative, plaintiffs claimed the sum of \$1,000, the value of the timber and cable. Defendant entered a counter-claim for \$774 for work and labour done, in respect of removing timber and cable for the plaintiffs.

Mr. Holmes asked for an adjournment.

His Lordship—On what ground?

Mr. Holmes—I don't think I can give any valid excuse. Mr. Almada, who has charge of this case, has gone to Saigon and I have hardly had time to look at the papers.

His Lordship—It is a great pity, but in the ordinary way, it would have gone off.

Mr. Lewis (for the defendant)—It is inconvenient as I have prepared my case and I have a few witnesses in Court.

His Lordship—It would be unfair to go on with the case. It is not the fault of Mr. Holmes' client, but the clerk's mistake, and there might be a re-hearing.

The case was adjourned, the cost of adjournment being fixed in the sum of \$30.

TRAGEDY ON THE TRAMWAY.

Blue-Jacket Run Over.

For the first time since the Peak tramway started running, an accident involving loss of life, occurred last night when a seaman named Stahl from H.M.S. Astron was run down by a car and killed. The whole affair was apparently a pure accident and no reliance at all is to be placed in the rumours that were circulated that it was a case of suicide.

It appears that last evening as the 9.45 down car was turning the bend into the cutting below Barker Road, a man was seen to leave the side of the track and endeavour to cross the line in front of the car. The look-out man perceiving this immediately gave the signal 'stop' and this was transmitted to the engine house, but before anything could be done to avoid an accident, the car had overtaken the man, knocked him down and run over him. It was pitch dark at the time and everything possible, between the time the man was seen and the actual collision was done.

Later a search party went out and recovered the body of the unfortunate man. It was found to be terribly mangled, the wheels of the car having passed right over one side and one leg having been practically severed from the trunk. The body was taken charge of by a number of sailors from the H.M.S. Vindicator and conveyed to the Naval Yard.

How the man came to be on the track at all is a mystery.

CORRESPONDENCE

(The opinions expressed by our correspondents are not necessarily those of The Hong Kong Telegraph.)

Reuter's Telegrams.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."
Sir,—At a time when events of considerable international and international importance are occurring it seems a pity that the individual crime and confession of a Boston seaman should be dwelt on to Hongkong at considerable length to the exclusion of matters of general interest.

Surely some remonstrance can and ought to be addressed to those who are responsible for the sending on of such a message which is not only of purely local interest but is also in every questionable taste.

Yours etc.
H. E. Pollock
Hongkong, January 8.

TELEGRAMS.

THE REVOLUTION.

HANKOW EVACUATED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Durban, Jan. 8, 8 a.m.
 Reuter's correspondent at Peking says that the Imperialists have completed the evacuation of Hankow.—Reuter.

THAMES SHIPBUILDING.

REJECTED PROPOSAL.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Via Durban, Jan. 6, 8.25 a.m.

A meeting of the Thames Ironworkers has rejected the Admiralty proposal for a 53 hours week. It is understood a campaign will be opened for 48 hours week in the shipbuilding trade throughout the country.—(Reuter).

ITALY'S PROGRESS.

INTERESTING REVIEW.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay Jan. 8 7/55 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Rome says the Minister of the Treasury in his financial statement estimates the surpluses during 1911/12 at 23,700,000 lire and during 1912-13 at 14,500,000. He reviews the progress of Italy during the half century and says it is illustrated by the fact that expenditure on national development has increased by 593,000,000 lire during the decade to 1912-13.

MEETING THE COST.

He lays emphasis on the fact that Italy will be able to meet all her war expenditure from existing resources without in any way diminishing her votes for social reform, chiefly for education and public works.—Reuter.

A QUEEN'S PEARLS.

Mysterious Robbery.

A telegram published to-day recalls a robbery that excited much excitement in Bangkok a few years ago. The Queen, the consort of the late King Chulalongkorn, had sent some very valuable pearls to London to be made up into a necklace. The steamer which was to bring the necklace arrived and a high court official was sent on board to take delivery. It should be mentioned that every precaution against robbery had been taken. During the voyage the box containing the necklace had been locked in a sealed safe and the seals were not broken until the court official was present to witness this being done. The package itself was also sealed and the seals were intact. It was taken to the Palace to be opened. The necklace itself had been placed in a small box, this was enclosed in one slightly larger, and that in one larger still. Each was sealed and the seals had not been tampered with. When the box, which should have contained the necklace, was opened it was found to be empty. There was naturally a great sensation, but it was never discovered how, when and by whom the necklace was stolen.

The report that a Mr. de Boscok had been arrested in London in connection with the affair calls to mind the fact that there was at that time a man of that name in Bangkok. He was then in the employ of Messrs. Windsor & Co., a German firm, but he had had a most adventurous career and had visited pretty well every part of the world. He was a most accomplished linguist and was the absolute master of about twelve different languages. The similarity of name suggests that the suspect in London may possibly be the Mr. de Boscok who was in Bangkok when the loss of the necklace was discovered.

SPORTS.

CRICKET.

Mr. Pearce's XI v. Capt. Clapham's XI.

On Saturday a very interesting match was played between Capt. Clapham's XI and Mr. Pearce's XI on the Hongkong Cricket Club's Ground. There was not a large attendance, but those who were there had the opportunity of witnessing some very fine cricket, the outstanding feature of which was the excellent innings of Mr. Pearce who, by forcible hitting and good timing, amassed the handsome score of 95 before Bagnall brought about his downfall from behind the stumps. The total of 144 put together by Capt. Clapham's eleven was scored in a little over an hour and a half, the principal scorers being Capt. Crawford, 31; Capt. Addison, 23, and Commander Ward, 27. On the other side the only score worth mention beside that of Mr. Pearce was that of Mr. Bird, 25. The best bowling average was that of Bowen, for the losers, who took five wickets for a little over six runs apiece. The scores were:—

Capt. Clapham's XI.	
Capt. Crawford, c Saunders	31
Mr. Bird	25
E. C. Annahaim, c and b	10
Major Kirk, b Bird	3
Capt. Clapham, c Saunders	13
b Pearce	13
Capt. Bowen, c Maas, b Bird	23
Capt. Addison, b Bird	7
H. G. Bagnall, c Hutchinson	4
b Bird	1
Gr. Driver, b Bird	1
Comdr. Ward, c Donnelly	27
ley, b Bird	1
H. S. Thompson, c Foster	14
Pegg, b Bird	0
Gr. Jones, not out	0
Extras	8
Total	141

Mr. Pearce's XI.	
R. O. Hutchinson, c Crawford	0
b Annahaim	0
T. P. M. Pearce, c Bagnall	05
b Bowen	05
F. Watson, c Ward, b	7
Annahaim	25
R. E. O. Bird, b Addison	25
M. Maas, c and b Bowen	1
A. R. Sutherland, c Annahaim	17
b Bowen	1
E. A. Power, c Crawford, b	1
Bowen	1
Dr. Atkinson, c Bagnall, b	15
Ward	15
R. Foster-Pegg, c Driver, b	7
Bowen	7
R. J. Saunders, run out	1
D. E. Donnelly, not out	0
Extra	8
Total	178

Kowloon C.C. Committee v. the Rest.

An interesting friendly contest took place on Saturday afternoon between the Kowloon C.C. Committee and the Rest when W. Waterhouse distinguished himself with 53 not out. The Rest won quite easily by fifty runs. The scores were:—

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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

(From Various Sources.)

Lassoed Barrel of Gasoline. Roswell, N.M., November 29. While a bakery at Clovis was burning yesterday, a cowboy's nerve and accuracy in throwing a lasso prevented the destruction of surrounding buildings and probably saved the lives of a number of people. He rode his broncho up to within forty feet of the blaze, "roped" a barrel of gasoline, and dragged it from the burning building. Charles Merritt had just come in from the range, and, seated on his pony, had been watching the blaze when some one shouted that a barrel of gasoline in the building was likely to explode at any time. The front of the building had been destroyed, and the barrel was in plain view. Merritt jabbed the spurs into the sides of his mount, and threw his rope around the barrel. A shout arose from the spectators as Merritt again jabbed the spurs into his horse and dashed away from the building, dragging the barrel at the end of his lasso.

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Parcels will be received at the Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required. For further particulars, apply to E. A. FLEWETT, Superintendent.

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Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUMATRA & Port Said	IRYO MARU, Capt. R. Takeda, T. 7,000 HIRANO MARU, Capt. H. Fraser, T. 9,000	WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan., at Daylight. WEDNESDAY, 31st Jan., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOI, KORE, YOKOHAMA, OMI, & YOKOHAMA	AWA MARU, Capt. T. Iizawa, T. 7,000 SADO MARU, Capt. J. Richards, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 30th Jan., at Noon. TUESDAY, 18th Feb., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE	SANUKI MARU, Capt. .., T. 7,000	SATURDAY, 3rd Jan., from KOBE
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNVILLE and BUREN	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 6,000 YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, T. 6,000	FRIDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon. FRIDAY, 16th Feb., at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAMO MA U, Capt. F. L. Sommer, T. 9,000	THURSDAY, 18th Jan., at 11 A.M.
NASKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, T. 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan., at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	COLOMBO MARU, Capt. Taramaka, T. 6,000	SATURDAY, 13th Jan.
SHANGHAI, MOI & KOBE	HAKATA MARU, Capt. H. Nomura, T. 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	JINSEN MA U, Capt. M. Mochida, T. 4,000	MONDAY, 16th Jan.

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Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong
TANGO MARU	8,000	K. Kawam	Feb. 14th.
KAMO MARU	8,000	F. L. Sommer	Feb. 28th.
AKI MARU	7,000	K. Homma	Mar. 13th.
MISHIMA MARU	9,000	A. G. Moses	Mar. 27th.
KAGA MARU	7,000	M. Hagino	April 10th.
ATSUTA MARU	9,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th.
HITACHI MARU	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th.
MIYASAKI MARU	9,000	T. Mura	May 22nd.

FOR SEATTLE.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomimaga	Feb. 27th.
TAMBA MARU	7,000	K. Noda	Mar. 20th.
SANUKI MARU	7,000	T. Inazawa	April 9th.
AWA MARU	7,000	S. Tomimaga	April 23rd.
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomimaga	May 21st.

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TSINGTAI, WEIHAWEI	"KIUKIANG"	9th .. 4 P.M.
& CHEFOO	"CHANGCHOW"	9th .. 4 P.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SUNGKIANG"	10th .. Noon
HAIPHONG	"CHENAN"	13th .. 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	18th .. M'night

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Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
ZAFIRO	4000	M. C. Smith	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	WEDNESDAY, 10th Jan. 1 P.M.
RUBI	4000	S. A. Crosby	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	SATURDAY, 20th Jan. 1 P.M.

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Steamer	From	Expected on or about	For	Will leave on or about
Tihitong	JAVA	1st half Jan.	JAPAN	1st half Jan.
Tihitong	JAPAN	1st half Jan.	JAVA	1st half Jan.
Tibodas	SHANGHAI	1st half Jan.	JAVA	1st half Jan.
Tipanas	JAVA	1st half Jan.	JAPAN	1st half Jan.
Tihitong	JAVA	2nd half Jan.	SHANGHAI	2nd half Jan.
Tihitong	JAVA	1st half Feb.	JAPAN	1st half Feb.
Tihitong	JAVA	1st half Mar.	JAPAN	1st half Mar.

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PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration)

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Shinyo Maru" ..	21,000	H. S. Smith	Jan. 17th, Noon.
S.S. "Chiyo Maru" ..	21,000	W. W. Green	Feb. 10th, Noon.
S.S. "Nippon Maru" ..	21,000	A. G. Stevens	Mar. 8th, Noon.
S.S. "Tenyo Maru" ..	21,000	E. Bent	Mar. 15th, Noon.

These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Scares. All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office. The triple screw steamer "SHINYO MARU" will be replaced by "San Francisco" via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on FRIDAY, the 19th January, 1912, at Noon.
INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.
The steamer "Nippon Maru," 11,000 tons Capt. A. G. Stevens, will be despatched for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on Friday 8th March, at Noon.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to alterations)

Steamer	Tons	Date of Sailing
Kiyo Maru	17,500	Tuesday, Feb. 13, Noon.
Buyo Maru	10,500	Tuesday, April 9, Noon.
Hongkong Maru ..	11,000	Friday, Apr. 7, Noon.

The steamer "Kiyo Maru" will be despatched for MEXICO, PERUVIAN and CHILEAN PORTS via KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, 13th Feb., at Noon.
For Further Particulars as to Passengers and Freight, apply to—
K. MATSUDA,
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LOG BOOK.

Freight Circular.

Messrs. Lunke & Rogge's Freight Circular, dated Jan. 5 is as follows:

When writing our last report the market was quiet, and the fortnight under review has on the whole brought any change for the better for prompt loading in the South. A China Merchant S. N. Co.'s steamer is reported fixed to carry troops from Canton to Swatow. Concerning Northern freights, it is said that "liners" lately find good employment from Wuhu to Swatow at 13 cantareens, whereas there seems to be no chance for "outsiders" for some time to come.

Saigon-Hongkong.—We have as yet not heard of any "actual" orders for January loading, but judging by the enquiries after tonnage put on our market to load on the 10th instant Saigon to Philippines, it seems that the restriction against export of rice, if not yet removed, the withdrawal is at least anticipated to take place from such date. There have also been enquiries for tonnage to load rice from Rangoon to Philippine Islands, however, up to the time of writing, no business seems to have transpired.

The Philippines have lately been importing a good deal of rice by the "regular liners," from here, besides which 3 steamers of each 26/30,000 piculs carrying capacity have been chartered to load rice from here for Manila. One cargo has already been shipped last month, and other two parcels are now being loaded.

Saigon-Java.—No inquiries have been heard of so far.

Bangkok.—The position is unchanged since we last reported. The charter of the s.s. Quanta and Landrat Scheff, under timecharter to the Chino-Siamese S. N. Co., have been prolonged for a further period of 12 months at slightly enhanced rate. The Chinese s.s. Too Sui, a small vessel, has been chartered to trade between Bangkok and Singapore, 6 months at Straits \$3,000 per month.

Korea Rice Crop.—The 1910 crop was a good one, being estimated at about 40,000,000 bushels, say 1,111,111 tons. It found a favourable market in Japan, where prices ruled high. The 1911 crop is expected to turn out an unusually good one owing to the favourable weather and possibly also to improved methods of cultivation. It is stated that with proper use of fertilizers and better irrigation, there is no reason why two crops should not be obtained from the wet fields as in Japan, and there are good prospects of the harvest reaching 50,000,000 bushels, say 1,388,889 tons in time. The proposal has been made to allow Korean rice to enter Japan free of duty, but it is not likely to be brought into force at present. Korean rice so far pays an export duty of 5 per cent. ad valorem, and an import duty on entering Japan of Yen 1 per picul.

Dahly.—No further business is reported done in this direction.

Coal Freights.—Local market continued very dull. Figures reported: Moji-Hongkong \$1.50, Moji-Singapore \$3.00, Haiphong-Swatow \$1.55, Port-Courbet-Canton \$1.45 and Port-Courbet-Swatow \$1.45-\$1.35, per ton. Sail Tonnage loading or to land.

For Baltimore and New York.—None.

Sail Tonnage Disengaged.—None.

Departure of Sailers.—None.

Over 3,000 sailors and stokers in the service of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha recently applied to the Company for an increase of wages. The application being declined, the men appealed to the Seamen's Relief Society for assistance. Mr. Uchida, chief director, and Mr. Inouye, managing director of the Society, acceded to the men's request, and put their case before the N.Y.K., but without result, and these gentlemen thereupon advised the seamen to give up their demand. Over 100 N.Y.K. sailors and stokers whose homes are in Yokohama held a meeting on Dec. 24 to consider what further steps should be taken to attain their object. They sent a deputation the following day to the head-quarters of the Seamen's Relief Society, applying for further assistance of the Society.

COMMERCIAL.

Home Finances.

Messrs. Zorn and Leigh-Hunt's weekly Stock Exchange Report dated Dec. 2 contains the following:—With the approach of Christmas, and the end of the year money has assumed its usual rather more threatening proportions as a market factor, and although no change was made in the Bank Rate on Thursday, accommodation was distinctly stiffer at this week's settlement, both in the general markets, and in Consols, than has been the case of late. Thanks to this, Consols and other gilt-edged stocks have shown a weakening tendency. Sir Edward Grey's strong speech on Monday night gave general satisfaction around the House, but its effect upon Germany was not so pleasant, and the comments of the Continental press led to prices easing off for fear lest there may be a long dragging out of political complications over the next few months.

Consols, as just remarked, have weakened, notwithstanding the deduction of the interest from the price yesterday afternoon. Foreign Government Bonds managed to present a fairly firm front, the feature of the week being lively dealings in the new 5% 5/8 Scrip. On the allotments being distributed, the price rose to 1-2 premium bid for cash, but this has been considerably modified since, and for money the premium is now about 1-8 at which the issue looks decidedly attractive from the investment point of view. The payment of the instalments is spread over until next September, while a full coupon of £2 10s. per cent. will be paid in May.

No little uneasiness has been aroused by a cable summary of the speech made by the Japanese Minister the other day, in which he was reported to have said that Japan stood on the verge of bankruptcy. It was tolerably obvious that some mistake had crept in over the cable, and subsequently an announcement was made to the effect that what the Minister actually said was, that the country, unless a policy of retrenchment were pursued in the matter of its armaments, would be brought to the verge of bankruptcy. The mischievous, however, had been done in the market, and Japanese bonds, sympathetically affected, of course, by the weakness of Chinese, have been depressed. Not a few good authorities consider that the warning of the Japanese Minister is an excellent thing for the credit of the country.

Dear Money in Japan.

According to the daily balance of the Bank of Japan, the redemption of loans was very slow at the end of November, the convertible notes issued during the month being about the limit till Dec. 7. On November 11 the amount of loans accommodated had increased by ¥10,000,000 and the convertible notes above the limit have again been issued to the amount of ¥1,000,000. The issue of such notes having daily increased since that date, the total value of notes outstanding on Dec. 14 reached ¥348,000,000, while the amount in hand—cash was ¥219,000,000 and in loans ¥85,000,000, the issue of notes over the limit amounting to ¥8,000,000. This expansion in convertible notes, says the Nippon, is chiefly due to the increased demand for funds by the Government; these funds being required for the redemption of public bonds. It is said that the redemption of Exchequer Bonds amounting to ¥20,000,000 which is due to take place on Dec. 20 instant is to be effected by resorting to the flotation of another loan, the greater part of which is likely to be absorbed by the Bank of Japan, as the holders of bonds already issued generally seem to be unwilling to accept new bonds in lieu of cash payment. This together with general tightness in the money market at the year end, will cause a further great increase in the value of convertible notes issued, the total being estimated to be from ¥80,000,000 to ¥100,000,000 towards the end of the month. — "Japan Herald."

SHARE REPORT.

S-SELLERS. SA-SALE. B-BUYERS

STOCKS & PAID UP VALUE	CLOSING QUOTE	LAST DIVIDEND AND DATE
BANKS		
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$880
National Bank	25	\$101
North China	25	\$101
Union	100	\$360
Yonghe	250	\$212
INSURANCE		
China Fire	20	\$120
Hongkong Fire	25	\$145
China & Manilla	25	\$101
Douglas Steamship	25	\$101
Scandinavia	15	\$28
Indo-China (Preferred)	25	\$60
Shell Transports	21	\$21
Star Ferry	10	\$17
REFINERIES		
China Sugar	100	\$105
Luzon Sugar	100	\$105
MINING		
Chinese Engineering	21	\$12
Tonghai	21	\$12
Manila	21	\$12
Docks, Wharves, & Stevedores	25	\$101
H. K. & W. P. Docks	25	\$101
Shanghai Docks	100	\$75
Hongkong Wharves	100	\$75
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS		
Anglo French Lands	100	\$101
Hongkong Hotels	25	\$101
Hongkong Lands	100	\$101
Hongkong Estates	10	\$101
Kowloon Lands	30	\$101
Shanghai Lands	100	\$101
West Point	25	\$101
Manila Hotel	10	\$101
COTTON MILLS		
Kowloon	25	\$101
Hongkong Cottons	10	\$101
China Cottons	10	\$101
Light & Power	10	\$101
Do (Spec. shares)	10	\$101
China Provident	10	\$101
Dairy Farms	10	\$101
Green Islands	10	\$101
Hongkong Electric	10	\$101
Hongkong Ice	25	\$101
Hongkong Rope	10	\$101
Langkate	10	\$101
Morning Post	25	\$101
Peak Tramway	10	\$101
Do (new)	10	\$101
Philippines	10	\$101
H. Pile & Co., Ltd.	10	\$101
Societe des Preferees	10	\$101
Pulperet	10	\$101
Papierettes	10	\$101
du Tonkin	10	\$101
Shanghai-Somatra	10	\$101
Steam Laundry	10	\$101
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	10	\$101
United Asbestos Foundry Shares	10	\$101
Union Waterboat	10	\$101
W. Lamson, Ltd.	10	\$101
Watson	10	\$101
William Powell	10	\$101

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Exchange	Rate
T. T. Demand	1/10 1/10
30 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
60 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
90 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
120 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
150 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
180 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
210 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
240 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
270 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
300 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
330 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
360 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
390 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
420 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
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1890 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
1920 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
1950 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
1980 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2010 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2040 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2070 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2100 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2130 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2160 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2190 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2220 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2250 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2280 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2310 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2340 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2370 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2400 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2430 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2460 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2490 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2520 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2550 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2580 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2610 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
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2910 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2940 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
2970 d. Demand	1/10 1/10
3000 d. Demand	1/10 1/10

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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.	
7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m.	Every 15 min.
8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	" 10 min.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	" 15 min.
11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.	" 15 min.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m.	" 10 min.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.	" 15 min.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.	" 10 min.
2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	" 15 min.
5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m.	" 10 min.
NIGHT OARS.	
8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m.	9.45 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. every 15 minutes.
SUNDAYS.	

